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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I recently wrote to you in relation to the preparation for the new academic year. Please find attached an information booklet for parents in relation to the new arrangements. Following the latest Government guidance, we have introduced considerable measures to ensure that two fundamental aims are achieved

1. Everyone in our school community is safe.
2. Students will study all subjects in their normal groups.

The supporting material, student inductions and information on the Academy website will provide you with an overview of the systems and structures that will be in operation from September to ensure we achieve our aims. The following information provides a key points summary for parents.

- Each year group will be considered its own 'educational bubble'.
- Students from the same year group will stay in one area of the school for all of their lessons. This is called their 'homebase'. However, they may use specialist rooms for some subjects such as Science, Art and IT.
- Students will not be allowed to mix with learners from other year groups.

In particular, we need your child to follow each of the rules outlined below (for all students):

1. Only attend school if you and all members of your household do not have Covid-19 related symptoms.
2. Face masks. Students should wear a face mask if using the school bus or public transport. Whilst we are not currently in a high risk area we will be adopting government guidance. It is expected that students entering and leaving school, moving from one zone to another and in communal areas should wear a face mask. Face masks are not advised for lessons, whilst eating or when students are outside the building at break and lunch. A parent must request permission in the student's planner to wear a face mask in class. Face masks can only be plain in colour or medical.
3. Arrive at school and leave to go home at the designated time. Do not congregate in school at the end of the day.
4. Use a sanitiser to disinfect hands on entering and leaving school and each lesson within the day. Wash hands with soap regularly during the day.
5. Stick to your 'bubble' and homebase at all times.
6. Avoid physical contact at all times. No hugs, shaking hands etc. Maintain as much distance from others as possible.
7. In the classroom, do not move the table or chair. Avoid touching displays and other surfaces. Wipe specialist equipment before and after use.
8. At break and lunchtimes, go outside (if weather is good) or designated venue (if weather is poor). Maintain a safe distance from others.
9. Do not share belongings (stationery, food etc.) with others.
10. Use your designated toilets only. Only enter the toilets if there is a free cubicle.

We really appreciate your support with this. If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please contact the school.

Regards

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